

EXPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR PANAMA

ELIGIBLE/INELIGIBLE PRODUCTS

A. Eligible Products

1. Red meat and red meat products.
2. Poultry and poultry products.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Certification Requirements

1. Obtain FSIS form 9060-5 - Export Certificate of Wholesomeness.
2. The following must be typed in the "Remarks" section:

"All residues in the meat from chemical and pharmaceutical products i.e. hydrocarbons, chlorates, organic phosphates, heavy metals, hormones, are within the limits of the USA standards."

Note: This statement can be made based upon the FSIS National Residue Program (NRP), including the developmental stages of each year's NRP. The development includes an evaluation of all potential chemicals that are hazardous to public health that might be associated with meat and poultry products. Even though all compounds are not ultimately selected for testing, they are all considered during the process of identifying and evaluating compounds of concern. Those compounds not included in the testing portion of the NRP are considered not to be a significant risk of causing harmful residues. Information about the NRP is routinely provided to officials in receiving countries.

3. Dates of slaughter are required to be typed in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5 for all fresh/frozen product.*
4. The name, address, and establishment number of the producing establishment must be provided in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5 for all products.*
5. Signatures on all required forms and supplementary statements must be by an FSIS veterinarian (name, degree [DVM or equivalent] must be typed or printed after the signature).
6. Product registration - A sanitary registration number is granted by the Panamanian Ministry of Health to the importer in Panama, and once granted, the sanitary registration is valid for ten (10) years. Assuring that the importer has a sanitary registration number is an exporter responsibility.

PLANTS ELIGIBLE TO EXPORT

Exporters interested in export to Panama are advised to confirm eligibility of the producing establishment with their importer in Panama. Although no eligible plant list is available and FSIS

recognizes the eligibility of all Federally inspected establishments, certification of individual establishments by the Panamanian Ministry of Agriculture may be necessary.

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